

State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY WET 2005-011

May 11, 2005

Roland Laurent 15 Spring Road Gorham, NH 03581

RE: DES Wetlands File #2004-02820 15 Spring Road, Gorham

Dear Mr. Laurent:

On April 29, 2005, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection of the above referenced property, more specifically referenced on Town of Gorham Tax Map U24 as Lot 26 (the "Property"). The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with RSA 482-A and NH Code of Admin. Rules Wt 100-800.

During the inspection, the following was observed:

1. A stream runs through 15 Spring Road. Approximately 30 linear feet stream bank on 15 Spring Road had loose fill within the bank that was eroding into the stream in violation of RSA 482-A:3.

In response, you are requested to take the following actions:

1. By June 1, 2005:

- a. Install erosion controls such as silt fence and hay bales at the toe of the fill, parallel to the stream bank. Do not install erosion controls within the stream so that it interferes with the stream flow;
- b. Remove the fill from the stream bank down to the original soils; and
- c. Stabilize the stream bank to prevent exposed soils from eroding into the stream. Methods for stabilizing the stream bank include, but are not limited to, stabilizing the embankment with an erosion control blanket, re-vegetating the bank with seed and mulching with straw, or installing jute matting and planting willow stakes (shrubs). For further technical information, contact the Coos County Extension Service at (603) 788-4961 or the Natural Resource Conservation Service at (603) 788-4651.
- 2. By <u>June 30, 2005</u>, submit a narrative describing the restoration and include photos documenting that the restoration has been completed.

RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging, filling, or construction in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit. If work is done without a permit, this is considered a violation of RSA 482-A. Failure to respond to this Letter of Deficiency in a timely

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and complete manner may be construed as noncompliance by the receiving party.

DES personnel may conduct another inspection at a later date to determine whether you have come into and are maintaining full compliance with the applicable statute and rules.

Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of civil or criminal penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (603) 271-4056 or by e-mail at lmagoon@des.state.nh.us.

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Administrator Wetlands Bureau

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